since the matter is complex no time limit can be indicated.

(b) The Presidential Order in this connection permits only Hindus and Sikhs to be considered for notification as Scheduled Castes provided they satisfy the criteria for declaration as scheduled castes.

T.V. Programmes

684. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the majority of Television programmes cater to the urban population and specially upper middle classes which have little relevance to the problems and needs of millions of people in backward areas; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The planning of all programmes of Doordarshan is based on the interest and needs of all sections of the society and not merely the urban population and upper middle classes. Special Area Specific Programmes are telecast for target audience in rural areas. Programmes produced by Regional Doordarshan Kendras are specially prepared to cater to the cultural social and developmental needs of the viewers of that particular area.

Oriya film songs in chitramala

685. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that song sequences from Oriya films are not telecast in Chitramala to the required extent; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pilot projects for Agriculture

686. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce some pilot projects for increasing agricultural production, particularly wheat and rice, in the State of Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the Districts in the State selected for the purpose; and

(d) the details of financial assistance that the Union Government propose to provide to the State for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There is no proposal to introduce any pilot project for increasing production of wheat or rice in Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan period. However, a Centrally Sponsored Speical Rice Production Pdogramme is already under implementation in the State from 1985-86.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Foodgrains to Orissa under World Food Programme

687. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to provide foodgrains to the State of Orissa under the World Food Programme;

(b) if so, the number of districts in the State to be covered;